

# Tennessee State Library and Archives

## LETTERS OF THE TENNESSEE GOVERNORS JOHN SEVIER 1796 - 1801 ( Part 2 )

### Box 1 -- Folder 5

NAME	YEAR	PLACE	INCOMING OUTGOING	SUBJECT
NA	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Appointment of James Robertson, James Stuart, and Lachlan McIntosh as Tennessee agents to the Cherokee treaty negotiations
Adams, John (President of the US)	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Discusses arrest of Judge Campbell and assures support from the citizens of TN
Adams, John (President)	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Objects to arrest of Judge David Campbell
Anderson, Joseph	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Discusses TN and national political issues
Anderson, Joseph	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Gives thanks for condemning the arrest of Judge Campbell and discusses hopes for a quick new treaty with the Indians
Anderson, Joseph	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	General information about imminent treaty negotiations and other state and national news
Anderson, Joseph	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Discussion of possible war with France and the formation of a standing Federal regular Army.

Anderson, Joseph	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Briefing on progress of the Cherokee treaty negotiations and public attitudes
Armstrong, Martin (General)	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Request for Armstrong to give up the papers of his office
Butler, Thomas (Lt. Colonel)	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Expresses desire not to have anyone harmed over Judge Campbell's arrest
Butler, Thomas (Lt. Colonel)	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Repeats desire to offend or harm no one and discusses the issuance of permits to visit land in Indian territory
Butler, Thomas (Lt. Colonel)	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Informs that Sevier has granted permits to enter Indian lands to three persons
Butler, Thomas (Lt. Colonel)	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Request for mercy and compassion be given to the settlers removed from Indian territory
Cherokee Nation	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Promises to apprehend and punish men who attacked two Indians
Claiborne, William	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Discusses TN and national political issues
Claiborne, William	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Discusses foreign relations with France and Spain and the unrest of settlers expelled from Indian lands
Claiborne, William	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	General information about imminent treaty negotiations and other state news
Claiborne, William	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Discusses muster rolls for the Nickajac Expedition and possible war with France
Greer, Joseph	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Request for a rifle for Colonel John Watts

Handly, S. (Captain)	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Nomination for Tennessee agent to the Cherokee treaty negotiations
Holland, James and other North Carolina commissioners	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Ordering papers of Martin Armstrong to be returned to Judge Tatum but granting permission to make copies
Inhabitants of Powells Valley	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Assurance of imminent assistance
Jackson, Andrew	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Discusses testimony at impeachment trial of William Blount and promise of the President to hold treaty negotiations with the Cherokee
Jackson, Andrew	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Discusses TN and national political issues
Jackson, Andrew	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Gives thanks for condemning the arrest of Judge Campbell and discusses hopes for a quick new treaty with the Indians
Jackson, Andrew; Anderson, Joseph; and Claiborne, William	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Defends Zachariah Cox in going to Muscle Shoals, denies John Chisolm's connection with the British, and condemns Federal act to regulate Indian trade and intercourse
Jackson, Andrew; Anderson, Joseph; and Claiborne, William	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Hopes quick resolution with Indians will allow settlers to return to their homes and condemns arrest of Judge David Campbell
Jackson, Andrew; Anderson, Joseph; and Claiborne, William	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Complains of irregularity of the mail from Philadelphia
Jackson, Andrew; Anderson, Joseph; and Claiborne, William	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Praises actions to encourage a new treaty with the Indians

Jackson, Andrew; Anderson, Joseph; and Claiborne, William	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Gives thanks for condemning the arrest of Judge Campbell and discusses the attitude of settlers expelled from Indian lands
Lacey, Hopkins; Lowrey, John; and Hamilton, John	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Requests the presence of each for legal consultation.
Maclin, William	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Order for Tennessee Secretary of State to seize the papers of Martin Armstrong
Maclin, William	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Orders not to give any passports to go into Indian lands
McDowell, Joseph	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Recognizes and gives thanks for the interest shown to TN settlers in Indian lands and discusses national political issues
McHenry, James (US Secretary of War)	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Offers moral and material support to the US Secretary of War if defense of the country becomes necessary
McNairy (Judge)	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Concerns possible land fraud committed by William Terrell and others in the land office of Martin Armstrong.
Ore, James (Colonel)	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Entreats Ore to undertake a confidential mission to the Cherokee Nation
Ore, James (Colonel)	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Orders for mission to the Cherokee Nation
People of Powells Valley	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Gives assurance of support.
People removed from Powells Valley	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Briefs on status of treaty efforts and advises patience
Pickering, Timothy	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Offers moral and material support to the US Secretary of State if defense of the country becomes necessary

Pickering, Timothy	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Acknowledges receipt of letter professing peace with France and reaffirms support
Robertson, James	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Entreats Robertson to come to Knoxville quickly and, once again, to pressure Robert Searcy for money
Robertson, James (General)	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Tenders appointment of Robertson as agent to attend treaty negotiation with the Indians
Robertson, James; Stuart, James; and McIntosh, Lachlan	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Informs agents of the time and location of the treaty negotiations and requests their presence in Knoxville beforehand
Searcy, Robert	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Repeats request to Treasurer of Mero District for funds for treaty negotiations
Searcy, Robert (Treasurer of Mero District)	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Request for funds to pay agents to attend treaty negotiations with the Indians
Steele, John (Colonel)	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Expresses cooperation and gratitude in hopes that the settlers removed from Indian lands will receive relief.
Tatum	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Request for Armstrong papers to be made available to commissioners from North Carolina
Tatum (Judge)	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Concerns possible land fraud committed by William Terrell and others in the land office of Martin Armstrong.
Tatum (Judge)	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Orders that North Carolina's commissioners may copy the papers of Martin Armstrong but not take possession of them

Tennessee Attorneys General	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Requests legal advice about turning over the papers of Martin Armstrong to North Carolina
US Commissioners for treaty with the Cherokee	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Thanks and good wishes for the upcoming Cherokee treaty negotiations
*NA [Circular]	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Briefing of current national and state political issues
*Claiborne, William	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Discussion of possible war with France and the formation of a standing Federal regular Army.
*Governor of North Carolina	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Letter from TN Secretary of State, William Maclin, explaining retention of Martin Armstrong's papers and books
*Jackson, Andrew; Anderson, Joseph; Claiborne, William	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Proposes which areas should be included in a new treaty with the Indians.
*Maclin, Zackfield	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Copy of letter from TN Secretary of State, William Maclin, to Zackfield Maclin authorizing travel to NC to deliver letters of Judges Tatum and McNairy
*Robertson, James (General)	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Acknowledges acceptance of commission as agent in Cherokee treaty negotiations and asks that he pressure Robert Searcy for money
*Searcy, Robert	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Requests efforts to supply money for use during the Cherokee treaty negotiations.
*Stuart, James	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Requests that Stuart be an agent at the treaty negotiations with the Indians

*US Commissioners for treaty with the Cherokee	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Letter of introduction for Samuel Handly, Thomas Gallihar, David Coldwell, and Alexander Ford, representatives of white settlers on Indian lands.
*US Commissioners for treaty with the Cherokee	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Requests time and location of the treaty negotiations
*Walton, George	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Welcomes Walton to Knoxville and tenders support and gratitude of the citizens of Tennessee
*Walton, George and Steele, John	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Briefing to US commissioners concerning Tennessee's goals in the treaty negotiations

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NA	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Commission of James Gwin as Sumner County Coroner
Adams, John (President of the US)	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Offering the services of eight state militia companies
Anderson, Joseph and Claiborne, William	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Complains of poor mail service and gives progress of Cherokee treaty negotiations
Anderson, Joseph and Claiborne, William	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Relates failure of US commissioners to induce the Cherokee to sell their land
Blount, William	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Encloses copy of expenditure claims from Tennessee's agents to the Cherokee treaty negotiations
Dinsmoor, Silas	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Discusses comments by John Watts concerning the murder of two Cherokees by white settlers and other related issues



Greer, James and Lavender, John	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Request to fulfill duties as Justices of the Peace and inquire into a conflict between Thomas House and [*NG] Cotterill at John Stones' Tavern
Henly (Colonel)	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Concerns monetary claims of James Calbert, a Chickasaw Indian, for services rendered
Jackson. Andrew	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Offers appointment as Judge of the Superior Court of Law and Equity
McHenry, James (US Secretary of War)	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Assures that Zachariah Cox does not intend to settle near Muscle Shoals
Moore, Alfred; Walton, George; and Steele, John	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Introduces James Robertson, James Stuart, and Lachlan McIntosh and explains their presence
Pickering, Timothy (US Sec. of State)	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Discusses possible war with France, military organization, and Indian involvement.
Robertson, James; Stuart, James; and McIntosh, Lachlan	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Outlines the state's objectives to the agents of Tennessee in the Cherokee treaty negotiations
Robertson, James; Stuart, James; and McIntosh, Lachlan	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Expresses regret that the treaty negotiations failed and asks that they remain at ready to attend the next negotiations.
Robertson, James; White, James; and McIntosh, Lachlan	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Requests that agents report to Tellico to continue treaty negotiations with the Cherokee
Smith, Daniel	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Offers appointment to the US Senate to replace Andrew Jackson
Steele, John	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Submits James Robertson's name for a potential replacement US commissioner
Stewart, James	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Encloses copy of expenditure claims from Tennessee's agents to the Cherokee treaty negotiations



White, James (Gen.)	1798	Knoxville, TN	Out	Offers a commission to replace James Stuart as Tennessee agent to the Cherokee treaty negotiations
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NA	1799	Knoxville, TN	Out	Commission of William Henderson, William Montgomery, John McMurtrie, et al as Justices of the Peace for Sumner County
Anderson, Joseph; Smith, Daniel; and Claiborne, William	1799	Knoxville, TN	Out	Cover letter for two resolves of the TN State Legislature requesting that effort be made to fulfill the resolves
Anderson, Joseph; Smith, Daniel; and Claiborne, William	1799	Knoxville, TN	Out	Cover letter for a resolution of the TN State Legislature requesting that effort be made to fulfill the resolves
Armstrong, Martin	1799	Knoxville, TN	Out	Order to allow representatives of North Carolina to copy books and papers
Butler, Edm'd	1799	Knoxville, TN	Out	Letter of introduction for Reverend Lyman Potter
Butler, Thomas (Colonel)	1799	Knoxville, TN	Out	Concerns arrest and examination of Zachariah Cox
Cherokee Nation	1799	Knoxville, TN	Out	Letter of introduction for Reverend Lyman Potter
Cocke, William; Anderson, Joseph; and Claiborne, William	1799	Knoxville, TN	Out	Represents the will of the people of Tennessee in laying out a road through the area covered in the Holston treaty.
Crozier, Arthur (Captain)	1799	Knoxville, TN	Out	Instructions to apprehend the murderers of Ballard, Coffey and another

Jackson (Judge) and Tatum, Howell	1799	Knoxville, TN	Out	Requesting Jackson and Tatum offer assistance to representatives of North Carolina if necessary
McHenry, James (US Secretary of War)	1799	Knoxville, TN	Out	Discusses national politics in regards to France
McNairy (Judge)	1799	Knoxville, TN	Out	Requests a transcript of the examination of Zachariah Cox
Willis, J. and Locke, Francis	1799	Knoxville, TN	Out	Invitation to come to Sevier's house for a meeting

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NAME	YEAR	PLACE	INCOMING OUTGOING	SUBJECT
Cocke, William,; Anderson, Joseph; and Claiborne, William	1800	Knoxville, TN	Out	Request to have military presence increased in response to potential Indian attacks
Cocke, William,; Anderson, Joseph; and Claiborne, William	1800	Knoxville, TN	Out	Objects to having vacant land in Tennessee appropriated by the federal government
Henly, David (Colonel)	1800	Knoxville, TN	Out	Request for ten or twelve dollars
Henly, David (Colonel)	1800	Knoxville, TN	Out	Request for information concerning the murder of two white settlers by Indians
Witzell (Lieutenant)	1800	Knoxville, TN	Out	Orders to have fifteen men guard the prison until the execution of a prisoner
*Butler, Thomas (Colonel)	1800	Knoxville, TN	Out	Concerns the possible murder of two white citizens by Cherokee Indians
*Butler, Thomas (Lt. Colonel)	1800	Knoxville, TN	Out	Assures faith in Butler to solve the possible murder of two white settlers by Cherokee
*Carnes, Thomas P.	1800	Knoxville, TN	Out	Discusses building a road from Georgia

*Cherokee Nation	1801	Knoxville, TN	Out	Informs of the murder of an Indian woman by white settlers and promises justice
*Cocke County Court	1800	Knoxville, TN	Out	Discusses building a road from Georgia
*Cocke, William,; Anderson, Joseph; and Claiborne, William	1800	Knoxville, TN	Out	Objects to appropriation of Tennessee land by the federal government and repeats request for a new road to the Mero District
*Cocke, William,; Anderson, Joseph; and Claiborne, William	1801	Knoxville, TN	Out	Requests that entreaty be made to the President to appoint local commissioners to the Cherokee treaty negotiations
*Governor of Kentucky	1801	Knoxville, TN	Out	Discusses opening a road through Tennessee from Georgia to Kentucky
*Meigs (Colonel)	1801	Knoxville, TN	Out	Letter of introduction of Felix Walker and request to have the boundary line around Indian lands completed
*Meigs (Colonel)	1801	Knoxville, TN	Out	Informs of the murder of an Indian woman by white settlers and promises justice
*Smith, Daniel	1800	Knoxville, TN	Out	Discusses and objects to situation involving dispute with North Carolina over Tennessee lands
*Wilkinson (Brig. Gen.) & Hawkins, Benjamin	1801	Knoxville, TN	Out	Expresses regret at the murder of an Indian woman and promises swift justice
*Williams, Benjamin	1801	Knoxville, TN	Out	Letter to the President of the Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina assuring that the enclosed address will be delivered to the state legislature